

Dear Sir/Madam:

Prior to examining the subject application, please amend it as follows.

**In the Claims:**

Claims 1-22 (Cancelled)

23. (Re-entered, thrice amended) A process of linking a medical malpractice insurance policy with a credentialing questionnaire, the process comprising the steps of:

electronically transferring information from the medical malpractice insurance policy to the credentialing questionnaire; and,

electronically forwarding the credentialing questionnaire to [the] an associated healthcare provider for review and approval.

Claims 24-34 (Cancelled)

Please add new claims 35-37 as follows:

35. The process of claim 23, wherein the process further comprises the steps of:

providing at least one blank space on the questionnaire where information from the insurance policy does not match with at least one question on the questionnaire; and,

requesting information from the healthcare provider to fill in the at least one blank space.

36. The process of claim 23, wherein the process further comprises the step of:

electronically forwarding the completed questionnaire to an associated credentialing entity.

37. An apparatus for linking a medical malpractice insurance policy with a credentialing questionnaire, the apparatus comprising:

means for electronically transferring information from the medical malpractice insurance policy to the credentialing questionnaire; and,

means for electronically forwarding the credentialing questionnaire to [the] an associated healthcare provider for review and approval.

38. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the apparatus further comprises:

means for providing at least one blank space on the questionnaire where information from the insurance policy does not match with at least one question on the questionnaire; and,

means for requesting information from the healthcare provider to fill in the at least one blank space.

39. The apparatus of claim 37, wherein the apparatus further comprises:

means for electronically forwarding the completed questionnaire to an associated credentialing entity.